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GROUP 3661  
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takayuki KIFUKU

Appln. No.: 09/286,418

Confirmation No.: Not Assigned

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Filed: April 06, 1999

Examiner: Brian J. Broadhead

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING SYSTEM

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3600 MAIL ROOM

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) An electric power steering system for driving a motor connected to a steering system based on a steering force detection value obtained by detecting the steering force of a driver to assist the steering force of the steering system, the system comprising:
- a means of computing an estimated value of static friction of the steering system based on the steering force of a driver; and

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